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REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 13-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Shin et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,086,443).

Claim 17 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Shin et al.* in view of *Nakahara et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,104,467).

Claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 10-12 are allowed.

Summary of the Response to the Office Action

This amendment proposes to cancel claims 13-17 without prejudice or disclaimer. Upon entry of this paper, claims 1, 2, 4-8, and 10-12 would be pending.

The Disposition of the Claims

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's allowance of claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 10-12 as noted on page 4 of the Final Office Action. While Applicant agrees that these claims are allowable and patentably distinguish over the prior art, Applicant respectfully does not acquiesce that patentability resides only in the features expressed in the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 11 of the Final Office Action, nor that each and every feature recited in the claims is required for patentability.

In addition, this amendment proposes to cancel claims 13-17 without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that upon entry of this paper, the present application is in condition for allowance.

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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests the entry of this Amendment to place the application in clear condition for allowance or, in alternative, in better form for appeal. Applicant also respectfully requests the Examiner's reconsideration and reexamination of the application and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Should there remain any questions or comments regarding this response or the application in general, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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